

MEMORANDUM

Substitute
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

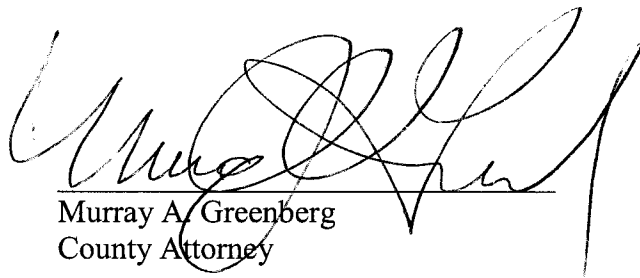
DATE: September 26, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the
Governor or Senate
President and House
Speaker to call a special
session to address the
property insurance crisis

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Chairman Joe A. Martinez.

The substitute differs from the original in that it urges the Governor or Senate President and House Speaker to call a special session to address the property insurance crisis rather than the Legislature.



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Please note any items checked.

_____ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised

_____ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

_____ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

_____ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

_____ Budget required

_____ Statement of fiscal impact required

_____ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation

_____ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing

_____ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

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_____ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

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9-26-06

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR OR SENATE
PRESIDENT AND HOUSE SPEAKER TO CALL A SPECIAL
SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE AND PASS LEGISLATION
ADDRESSING THE PROPERTY INSURANCE CRISIS IN
FLORIDA

WHEREAS, homeowners' and business owners' insurance rates have continued to rise at an unprecedented pace; and

WHEREAS, residential real estate closings reportedly are slowing down due in part to the high cost of insurance; and

WHEREAS, private insurance companies continue to reduce the number of policies they write in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Citizens Property Insurance Corporation does not appear to be achieving its goal of reducing the numbers of policies it writes as the state-backed insurer of last resort; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life of our families and senior citizens is declining due to the costs associated with high insurance costs; and

WHEREAS, substantial increases in property insurance costs are causing some seniors and families to be more susceptible to foreclosure, and may drive some seniors and families out of Florida altogether; and

WHEREAS, if it is not brought under control, the property insurance crisis has the potential to harm Florida's economy over the long term,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Governor or the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House to call a special session and pass legislation addressing the insurance crisis in Florida.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2006-2007 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Chairman Joe A. Martinez and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrian D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	


The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 26th day of September, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty